

**Continuum of Care Reform
Program Workgroup Meeting Notes
December 14, 2012**

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Key Discussion Items:

➤ Debrief Steering Committee

- On December 7th the CCR Steering Committee met and reviewed several documents and discussed the overall scope of CCR. As a result of this meeting, the Department will be actively developing products for all workgroup members to weigh in on, building upon models already in place such as CAPP, RBS, and others.
- There is a sense of urgency to get some of these things moving quickly and products on the ground.
- The Theory of Change document is useful and will guide us to where we want to be.

➤ Review Program Goals and Deliverables Document

- The group reviewed and provided suggested edits to the document that include:
 - Edit the goal statement so that it is not focused on placement, Possible suggestions include: “All children will receive services and supports to facilitate achievement of permanency in the least restrictive, most family-like setting.”; “Transform California’s group home and foster family agency programs by providing a high quality standard set of core services and supports that meet the needs of children, youth and families...”;

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“Placement into a group home or foster family agency shall be reserved only for those...”

- Edit the first paragraph under the “Deliverables” section to read, “Children, youth and families in California’s Child Welfare and Probation Systems.”
- Edit the “Services & Supports” section to include “coordinate care and services” in first bullet; reword the term “after-care” in the first bullet. Also, add “the need to develop adequate step-down capacity”.
- Suggestion to pull out pieces from the Theory of Change document and mesh it with the Goals & Deliverables document.
- The group discussed the following related to the goals and deliverables of the Program Workgroup.
 - Not everyone needs the full spectrum of services but providers need to have them available for those youth who need it based on their individual needs. We need to be aware of other efforts that are going on so that we can leverage those and not duplicate.
 - We need a flexible system that will be able to meet the various needs of children, youth and families. We need to have this document/assumptions clarified before we can move to deliverables.

➤ Review of Placement Matrix

- We will be meeting as a subgroup and handing this document off to fiscal and will be pulling some members here to work together to complete this matrix.
- First subgroup meeting is set up for some time in January and there is a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in that sub-group.
- The Matrix document is lays out the core services and supports the group identified and displays which ones are optional or required under the current RCL 14 group home program; RBS and our vision for CCR group homes. This document will provided to the Fiscal Workgroup so they can begin identifying the appropriate funding and payment systems,

➤ Discussion of the Process and Structure for Achieving the Deliverables

- The Program Workgroup will be breaking into subgroups: 1.) a combined fiscal/program subgroup to begin looking at FFAs and; 2.) a quality and accountability subgroup to begin looking at accreditation.
- If you would like to participate in either of these subgroups, contact Hnu Xiong at hnu.xiong@dss.ca.gov

➤ Discussion of the CCR Assumptions

- The group reviewed several assumptions and determined which ones they agreed with and which ones they wanted to revise. Based on the group discussion, some of the assumptions will need to be rewritten by the

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appropriate subgroups. Once assumptions are confirmed they will be used to further guide the work.

NOTE: Program Workgroup will not meet on 1/4/13. The next Program Workgroup meeting will be on 1/18/13 and will break out into the subgroups with a report out to the larger group in the afternoon.

Action Items:

1. Workgroup members will break into the two subgroups (FFA Services & Supports Subgroup and the Quality & Accountability Subgroup)
2. Contact Hnu Xiong or Megan Stout if you'd like to be in one of the subgroups.